Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled)

- 5. (Previously Presented) A deflection yoke according to claim 22, wherein the two saddle-shaped coils are the vertical deflection coils.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A deflection yoke according to claim 22, wherein said first metal plate extends, in a plane perpendicular to the Z axis, about a mean radial direction of between 60° and 90° measured with respect to the direction of the plane of separation of the two coils of the same pair.

Claims 7-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A deflection yoke for a cathode-ray tube, comprising: a pair of horizontal deflection coils and a pair of vertical deflection coils for generating magnetic deflection fields perpendicular to a main axis of said cathode-ray tube, one of said pairs consisting of saddle-shaped coils having conducting wires arranged so as to form a front conductor assembly and a rear conductor assembly coupled to each other by lateral conductor bundles, and those parts of each of said coils which form the rear conductor assembly and the lateral bundles being arranged approximately symmetrically with respect to a plane;

a first metal plate placed near the front conductor assembly for locally modifying one of the direction and the amplitude of the magnetic field created by the current flow in said front conductor assembly so that, considering a first zone of the front conductor assembly and a second zone symmetrical with the first zone with respect to the plane, the fields created in the first and second zones are not symmetrical with respect to said plane; and

Application No. 09/454,875 Attorney Docket No. RCA89342 a second metal plate wherein said first and second metal plates extend on both of the saddle-shaped coils of the same pair, symmetrically with respect to the Z axis.

for locally modifying the amplitude of the magnetic field as the first metal plate does.